

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: October 23, 1999**

Markets were generally steady. Demand was light to good, best for feature activity. Offerings were in good balance to closely cleared. Undertone was about steady. Weights were mostly desirable.

| | FOOD SERVICE/ FAST FOOD | RETAIL | DEBONING | TOTAL |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down | 4.21 - 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | --- |
| Total (000) | 32,611 | 26,489 | 43,033 | 102,133 |
| Percentage | 32 % | 26% | 42% | 100% |

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| Live Weight | RTC WOG Weight | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 7,280 | 7.13 |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 8,269 | 8.10 |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs. | 2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz. | 6,694 | 6.55 |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz. | <u>10,368</u> | <u>10.15</u> |
| | | 32,611 | 31.93% |

BOILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets | | Chicks Placed | | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous | | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous | | Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered | |
|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|
| | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %** |
| Sept 04 | 176,322 | 102 | 140,170 | 101 | 180,186 | 102 | 145,458 | 104 | 156,031 | 99 |
| Sept 11 | 167,224 | 99 | 140,205 | 100 | 179,588 | 104 | 143,256 | 105 | 135,122 | 86 |
| Sept 18 | 170,088 | 102 | 140,678 | 101 | 179,091 | 103 | 142,001 | 103 | 152,393 | 113 |
| Sept 25 | 167,474 | 100 | 139,289 | 102 | 182,678 | 104 | 144,956 | 104 | 155,941 | 102 |
| Oct 02 | 174,407 | 100 | 132,925 | 100 | 181,911 | 104 | 144,988 | 104 | 153,908 | 99 |
| Oct 09 | 167,557 | 98 | 132,739 | 101 | 179,874 | 103 | 144,744 | 103 | 153,081 | 99 |
| Oct 16 | 164,296 | 98 | 132,208 | 101 | 179,885 | 103 | 142,437 | 103 | 153,293 | 100 |
| Oct 23 | 163,806 | 100 | 138,729 | 101 | 178,447 | 102 | 140,172 | 101 | 154,030 | 100 |
| Oct 30 | 168,109 | 98 | 133,466 | 98 | 180,628 | 103 | 140,301 | 100 | 152,012 | 99 |

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 11/08/1999

| | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| New York Grade A Ice-packed | 56.44 | 52.75 | 57.11 |
| Chicago Grade A Ice-packed | 53.03 | 53.04 | 58.48 |
| Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed | 62.73 | 62.46 | 71.74 |
| 12-City Composite Weighted Avg. | 59.46 | 58.81 | 64.57 |
| Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg. | 57.71 | 57.69 | 66.38 |
| Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index | 41.73 | 41.52 | 48.38 |

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

| | Northeast (Delivered) 11/05/99 | Southern States (FOB) 11/05/99 | Georgia (FOB) 11/08/99 |
|-------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Breast - B/S | 141.29 | 153.16 | 145.50 |
| Tenderloins | 142.33 | 157.04 | --- |
| Breast - Line Run | 70.85 | 72.84 | 75.50 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 18.36 | 15.96 | 20.00 |
| Wings | 68.24 | 59.21 | 62.00 |